Statement

Statewise Break-up of Registeration of Fish processing units during the last 3 years

States	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Gujarat	3	6	5
Maharashtra	3	1	2
Goa	2	..	..
Karnataka	..	2	2
Kerala	3	10	10
Tamil Nadu	..	1	5
Andhra Pradesh	5	5	5
Orissa	1	1	3
West Bengal	1	1	3
TOTAL :	16	31	32

Report submitted by Murari Committee

1145. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Murari Committee has studied the impact of high berthing charges on the profitability of the deep sea fishing industry;

(b) the details of this aspect of the Murari Committee report; and

(c) what are the details of the steps proposed to reduce the berthing charges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Technical Committee has recommended that the berthing charges and port charges in all the fishing harbours should be rationalised.

(c) Action for implementation of the recommendation has been initiated at inter-ministerial level.

Development of marine fisheries

1146. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to form a National Agency in cooperation with maritime state to develop marine fisheries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) in what way Government propose to enhance the contribution of the marine fisheries sector;

(d) whether any discussions have been held with maritime states to develop policies to encourage marine fishing;

(e) whether Government discused the problems of marine fisheries with Andhra Pradesh Government; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) It is proposed to set up a National Marine Fisheries Development Board, as a registered society during the

8th Five Year Plan for the overall development of the deep sea fishing sector.

(c) The Government of India have a number of schemes for the development of the marine fisheries sector. The list of these schemes is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below). Further Government have also introduced a new deep sea fishing policy in May, 1991 for promoting joint ventures, leasing and test fishing.

(d) to (f) No, Sir. No discussions were held with State Government including the State of Andhra Pradesh during the recent past for developing new policies in this respect.

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List of schemes of the Government of Indiam for the development of marine fishing sector.

A. Scheme implemented by Ministry of Agriculture.

1. Scheme for Motorisation of Tradi-tional craft.

2. Scheme for introduction of plywood craft.

3. Schemes for introduction of off-shore intermediate size palegic fishing craft.

4. Scheme for reimbursement of Central excise duty on HSD oil for small mechanised fishing vessels below 20 ms. length.

5. Scheme for enforcement of Marine Fishing Regulation Act.

6. Scheme for setting up of artificial Reefs and Mariculture projects.

B. Schemes implemented by Ministry of Food Processing Industries.

1. Scheme for assistance (Grant-in-aid) to Deep Sea Fishing and Processing ventures; (Grants-in-aid) to Marine products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) for equity participation.

2. Grant-in-aid for Deep Sea Fishing for providing interest subsidy for acquisition of deep sea fishing vessels.

3. Grant-in-aid for Diversified fishing (through MPEDA).

4. Scheme for implementation of Maritime Zone of India (Regulation of Fishing by foreign fishing vesssels) Act, 1981 by providing Grant-in-aid to Coast Guard for setting up of communication facilities.

5. Grant-in-aid for setting up of infrastructural facilities for preservation and processing of fish.

6. Grant-in-aid for National Marine Fishries Development Board.

Agro-food Development and Export Agency

1147. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Agro-food Development and Export agency;

(b) if so, the details of this proposal and its structure;

(c) in what way would this agency help the food processing sector;

(d) whether it is a fact that in most of the States similar organisation exist; and

(e) whether a review will be done on the actual benefit of having one more Government agency in this sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (e) A proposal to set up a Central coordinating body in the shape of National Agro Food Development and Export Agency involving Central and State Government agencies, financial ins-